

## MODERN FABLES BY GEORGE ADE

The Man Who Had a True Friend to Steer Him Along.

Once there was a well-meaning Soul who was handicapped by a true and lasting Friendship.

Sometimes he suspected that if he could be left to himself he would struggle along from one Saturday Night to the next and keep out of the way of the Cars, and possibly extract some Joy from this Life in his own simple Rube Fashion.

But every time he turned around, Friend was right there to tell him what to do.

Friend was somewhat of a Shell-Fish in the regulation of his own Private Affairs, but he knew just how to manage for someone else.

So he used to tell the Victim where to have his Clothes made, and he would pick out his Shirt Patterns for him, and tell him how often he needed a drink and in other ways relieve him of all responsibilities.

If the poor Mark wanted to remain in his room and read something by William Dean Howells, the Friend would compel him to put on his Low-Front and go out to a War-Dance and meet a Bunch of Koodles who wore No. 6 Hats and talked nothing but Piffle.

The Friend was always making business engagements for him and then letting him know about it later on.

And sometimes Friend would try to choke him and take the money out of his pocket and invest it in some Enterprise that was going to pay a 40 per cent Dividend every Thirty Days.

Friend always meant well, and that was the trouble. The Victim was a Bridge and asked, "Are you a Fugitive from Justice?"

"No," was the reply. "This is merely a case of Friendship."

MORAL: They never seem to be properly Thankful for all that we do in their behalf.

## 90-POUND KNIGHT-ERRANT AND HIS LADY FAIR.

Once there was an Estimable Lady named Mrs. Killjoy who used to hunt for Trouble with a Search-Warrant.

She was not happy unless she was being insulted. Before anyone chirped she knew that she was going to have bricks thrown at her Character.

Mrs. Killjoy held to the obsolete Theory that Man was put into this Mundane Trouble Factory to protect weak and defenseless Women from all Slurs, Slightings and Insults.

She picked out for her True Knight an undeveloped Specimen about the size of a Philadelphia Squab, with four-inch Biceps.

His steady Assignment was to fight her Battles. Mrs. Killjoy was one of those Sensitive Plants who could not get a Trolley without having someone rudely stare at her.

She always suspected that the He-Salesmen in the Stores were trying to make love to her, and if any Man happened to be walking behind her on the same side of the Street, she knew that she was being Farsened.

"Are you going to sit here and allow your wife to be abused?"

That was the Speech she would hand him when they were out together. Then it was up to him to call some 200-pounder or else be prepared to fight the Night and listen to the Story of her Wrongs.

Sometimes he suspected that she was a case of Friendship.

## STORY OF MME. PATTI

How She Made Mapleson Live Up to a \$5,000 Contract.

"Adelina Patti," said an aged Philadelphian, "came to this city when she was 8 years old. She was born in Spain—in Madrid, I think."

She began to sing at the age of 7. It was in Philadelphia that she made her first appearance before a royal audience in "Martha" at the Academy of Music during the sojourn here of the Prince of Wales. The programmes on that occasion were full of \$5,000 bills.

They were of satin, with a fringe of gold lace.

"Patti was a great business woman. She made great sums of money. She has not been equalled since by any singer. I'll tell you a story indicative of her ability as a financier. She was being managed by Colonel Mapleson, and her contract was for \$5,000 a night."

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## VIGOROUS AT EIGHTY-THREE

Mr. Jas. Walker Attributes His Good Health to Dr. Fitcher's Backache Kidney Tablets.

Those who desire a hale and hearty old age, full of vim and vigor and freedom from kidney ailments, should take Dr. Fitcher's Backache Kidney Tablets. It is simply wonderful how they allay the irritation of the urinary passages, render unnecessary the frequent rising at night, and give the healthful vigor to the whole system. Many old people write and tell us that they feel ten years younger since taking the Tablets.

Mr. Jas. Walker, whose address is Sheldon, Iowa, U. S. A., is one of the old folks who is enthusiastic about Dr. Fitcher's Backache Kidney Tablets. Just read what he says and write him for further particulars if you like.

"Signed last September I began to be troubled with my urine. It gave me pain at times, and I had to go quite often, sometimes having to rise out of bed four or five times during the night. I had a great thirst and a violent headache. My limbs swelled to twice their natural size and my appetite left me."

"I happened to get an Ontario paper, the Lindsay Post, and saw there that Dr. Fitcher's Backache Kidney Tablets were highly spoken of. I determined to try them, and after using them for one week I got great relief. The pain left my back, and I did not need to get up so often at night. I continued taking them, and the result was wonderful for a man at my age. I am not bothered with that terrible thirst, my appetite is good, the swelling has left my limbs, and I can tell you the Tablets have proved a great boon to me. You are at liberty to use my letter in any way you choose, as what I say is the truth."

JAS. WALKER.

Dr. Fitcher's Backache Kidney Tablets are 50 cents a bottle or 3 for \$1.25, at all druggists, or by mail, The Dr. Zina Fitcher Company, Toronto, Ont.

The Kaiser's Cigars.

The Kaiser's cigars are about half as long again as those smoked by ordinary mortals. They come from Havana, being made there specially for the Emperor. Each bears a "Havana ring," ornamented with a fair-sized chicken. The speed of 1 shilling 3 pence to 1 shilling 6 pence apiece for them. Similar cigars could not be purchased for less than 5 shillings each in Germany, where tobacco in all forms is cheap, a penny, for instance, being the price of a very smokable weed.

The new cruiser Baltimore will be the first warship to be fitted out with steel furniture.

What Mrs. Killjoy needed was a Husband in a full suit of Armor mounted on a White Horse and thirsting for Blood. She had read the wrong kind of Books. Husband knew that she would stack him up against it sooner or later.

Sure enough, one day he found her in Tears, and learned that the Man deliv-ering the Coal had been impertinent and had failed to remove his Hat while speaking to her. She wanted to know if Mr. Killjoy was a Man or a Mouse and that she asked it. The days, Chivalry roset the Teamster and she followed along to Gloat.

The Teamster was a Low-Brow with a 48-inch Chest and he did not know anything about the Henry of Navarre Business. He grabbed Mr. Killjoy and dusted the Bin with him.

While the Sufferer was in the Hospital waiting for the Bones to join, Mrs. Killjoy sat beside him and said, "As soon as you are well enough to be around you must hunt him up and shoot him."

"I will," said the brave Knight, "if I can get one of those Sandy Hook Guns that will carry six Miles."

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## CONSUMPTION

Prevented and Cured.

Four marvelous free remedies for all sufferers reading this paper. New cure for Tuberculosis, Consumption, Weak Lungs, Catarrh, and a rindown system.

## FREE.

Do you cough? Do your lungs pain you? Is your throat sore and inflamed? Do you spit up phlegm? Does your head ache? Is your appetite bad? Are your lungs delicate? Are you losing flesh? Are you pale and thin? Do you lack stamina?

These symptoms are proof that you have in your body the seeds of the most dangerous malady that has ever devastated the earth—consumption.

You are invited to test what this system will do for you, if you are sick, by writing for a

FREE TRIAL TREATMENT and the Four Free Preparations will be forwarded you at once, with complete directions, and the first

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AN AWFUL TRIAL.

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## VARICOCELE

Cured Without the Knife, Pain or Loss of Time.

Discovery Made by a Famous Specialist Who Asks No Pay Until the Cure Has Been Effectuated.

A most wonderful discovery for the cure of Varicocele and Stricture, without pain, the use of the knife or loss of time has been made by Dr. Goldberg, of Detroit, Mich. For years the doctor has given patient study to the treatment of these diseases, and he guarantees his Latest Method Treatment a positive cure.

The treatment consists of combination of drugs, which removes all traces of the Stricture, while in Varicocele it equalizes circulation, thereby restoring the parts to their normal condition and at the same time strengthens the organs, stops nervousness, backache, smarting sensations and unnatural discharges.

It is also a guaranteed cure for weak men, and if he accepts your case for treatment you can pay when cured; as you need pay nothing until a complete cure has been made. Unless the doctor was certain that his Latest Method Treatment was a positive cure he could not make this offer.

The doctor has 14 diplomas, etc., which testify to his standing and abilities. Write for book and question blank for home treatment, free; correspondence receives his personal attention of the doctor. Address in confidence, Dr. Goldberg, 205 Woodward Avenue, Room 5, Detroit, Mich.

The Semitic building at Harvard, which has cost about \$80,000, will be opened this month.

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## THE EFFICACY OF FORMALIN

Varying Views of Physicians Regarding Its Use.

Not Ready to Accept It at Once as an Antidote for Blood Poisoning.

[Washington Evening Star.] The recent experiments conducted in Baltimore and New York with the view of ascertaining the efficacy of formalin as a remedy for septicemia have received no little attention from the members of the medical fraternity in the national capital. Indeed, the progress of patients treated with upon the patient's system have been regarded by physicians all over the country with an unusual degree of interest, in the expectation that it may prove one of the great medical discoveries of the age. Thus far the prospects of formalin becoming a wonderful means of cure in cases of blood poisoning have been discussed almost wholly in the lay press, the medical journals having not as yet taken up the subject.

Formalin is a proprietary germicide, being composed of a 40 per cent solution of formaldehyde. It is obtained by subtracting two atoms of hydrogen from wood alcohol, and thus far it has been used chiefly as an antiseptic or disinfectant, and as such, it is stated, is particularly effective. It is much used by undertakers as an embalming fluid. Formalin has a strong odor, a whiff of it being sufficient to cause the tears to come to a person's eyes, and its action on the blood is said to be quite severe.

A number of interviews with prominent members of the medical profession in Washington have been obtained by a reporter for the Star, and it is discovered that considerable diversity of opinion exists with reference to the probability of formalin proving a great medical discovery for the treatment of the cases mentioned. It is generally conceded, however, that the experiments thus far conducted have been insufficient to form a basis for definite conclusions respecting the efficacy of the drug in curing blood poisoning.

In the absence of detailed and authoritative information with reference to the intravenous injection of formalin for the cure of septicemia, Dr. W. C. Woodward, of the health department, was unwilling to discuss the subject. He said, however, that the injection into the body of what is known as normal salt solution, which consists merely of a mixture of six parts of common table salt, purified, of course, with one thousandth part of water, has produced good results in the treatment of similar diseases, not because of any virtue in the salt, but merely because the water added to the blood tends to dilute the poison circulating in the blood and to favor its removal from the body.

It may be that the injections of formalin, if sufficiently diluted, have been effective for the same reason," said Dr. Woodward. "It does not seem possible, however, that formalin can be mixed with the blood in sufficient strength either to kill such germs as may be contained in the blood or to neutralize any poisons circulating therein without decomposing the blood, injuring the blood vessels and resulting in death."

Dr. Woodward was especially emphatic in his statement that the public should not yet regard intravenous injections for the cure of septicemia as a wonderful medical discovery, which, he says, it has not yet been shown to be. He said that he had seen a wonderful medical mistake. And he declares that it must not be regarded as a medical mistake until the proper use of formalin has been demonstrated. He said that he had seen a wonderful medical mistake. And he declares that it must not be regarded as a medical mistake until the proper use of formalin has been demonstrated.

REGARDED AS DANGEROUS.

Dr. George M. Kober, president of the Medical Society of the District of Columbia, said: "My opinion of formalin as a remedy in cases of septicemia is based upon the experiments so far conducted, it is that it is a dangerous means of effecting a cure. It might be used with good results in the treatment of local affections, but I think physicians generally object to using any strong germicide as an injection into the blood vessels."

It hardly thinks the prospects for its proving a great medical discovery in the treatment of blood poisoning are promising, but a larger field may be opened up for this disinfectant in using it as a local remedy."

Assistant Surgeon-General Geddings, of the board of public health and marine hospital corps, said:

He reported that formalin, affords a hopeful means of treatment in a line of cases which have heretofore been regarded as hopeless. Acute septicemia is apparently a desperate condition, demanding bold and prompt measures, and formalin as a remedy in these cases seems worthy of further investigation."

The physicians of the city seem desirous of further investigation in regard to the use of formalin in blood poisoning, before they are willing either to accept or reject it as a remedy.

Dr. John W. Bayne stated that he had made no personal experiments with formalin as a cure for septicemia, but from the reports of its effect on patients he had considerable confidence in its efficiency, under certain conditions. He said he felt very much inclined to give it a test in the first case of septicemia presented to him for treatment.

"But a great deal depends, I think, upon the conditions," said Dr. Bayne. "For instance, in a case of necrosis of the intestines, formalin could not do any good without first restoring the normal conditions of the affected portion, or by resection, by which the dead part would be removed. The field for the use of formalin in blood poisoning, I should say, would be much larger and more promising of good results in cases of puerperal sepsis."

IN AN EXPERIMENTAL STAGE.

Dr. H. L. E. Johnson, president of the Medical Association of the District of Columbia, said:

"I have not conducted tests with formalin as a remedy for septicemia, but I am inclined to recommend its use as an injection. I should be very guarded in using it in that manner, until more certain of its efficiency. It has a very strong action and has a tendency in a strong solution, to destroy the blood cells. Formalin is in an experimental stage now with respect to this particular disease, and its use might work an injury."

It has given patients formalin internally in certain cases of septicemia and with good results, but intravenous injection of the germicide into the veins is a different method of use altogether."

Kissed Into Faints.

On the arrival of the Australian soldiers at Melbourne from the seat of war they were welcomed by a crowd whose